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Claims 1-24 are pending in the application

The Office noted the present application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in prior Application No. 10/605,627, now U.S. Patent 6,802,215, filed October 15, 2003. A claim for priority to this prior application was made in the filing papers of the present Application. However, to perfect this claim to priority under 37 C.F.R. 1.78, the Specification has been amended now to include a cross reference to related applications sections claiming this priority.

The Office provisionally rejected claims 1-24 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,215.

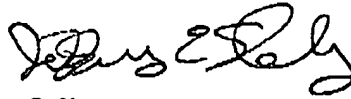
Attached herein is a properly executed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.130(b), disclaiming the term of any patent granting from the present application which may extend beyond the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,215.

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

As indicated in the Transmittal Letter, please charge Deposit Account No. 180584 in the amount of \$130.00, the fee required under 37 CFR 1.20(d) for a terminal disclaimer. It is believed that there are no other fees due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 180584. If there are any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (281) 878-5658.

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